

Flu Watch

MMWR Week 30: July 22 to July 28, 2018

All data are provisional and subject to change as more reports are received.

Geographic Spread

South Carolina reported **no activity** this week.



Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations and Deaths

This week 1 influenza-associated hospitalizations were reported by 20 hospitals. The cumulative hospitalization rate is 91.0 per 100,000. There were 0 laboratory-confirmed influenza-associated deaths reported this week. The cumulative mortality rate is 5.9 per 100,000. Compared to the previous week, the number of reported hospitalizations decreased by 3 (75%) cases and deaths remained the same. In the current flu season, there have been 4,515 influenza-associated hospitalizations and 292 influenza-associated deaths reported.



Virologic Surveillance

A total of **14** influenza cases (**13** positive rapid antigen detection tests; **1** lab-confirmed test) were reported from 9 counties representing all four DHEC Public Health regions. Influenza A was most frequently reported by clinical labs. Compared to the previous week, the number of reported influenza cases decreased by **6** (**30%**) cases. In the current flu season, there have been **135,499** influenza cases (**131,922** positive rapid antigen detection tests; **3,577** lab-confirmed tests) reported.

For a description of South Carolina's influenza surveillance components and definitions go to: http://www.scdhec.gov/Health/DiseasesandConditions/InfectiousDiseases/Flu/FluData/

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Influenza-Like Illness Surveillance

The percent of patient visits to sentinel providers for an influenza-like illness (ILI) was **0.45%**, which is **below** South Carolina's baseline (**3.13%**). Compared to the previous week, this is a **decrease** of **0.20%**.

The ILI activity level was minimal.

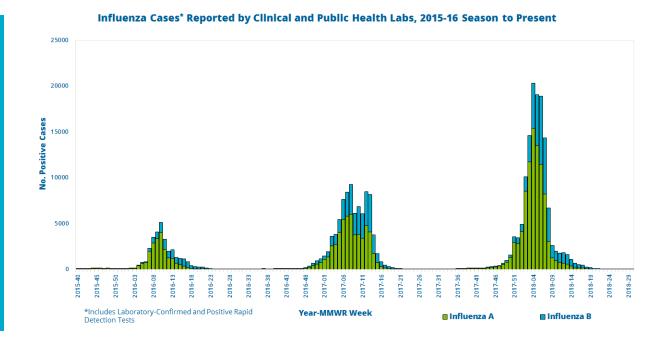
For national surveillance, please visit: https://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/



Virologic Surveillance

This week, **1** lab-confirmed case and **13** positive rapid influenza detection tests were reported by clinical labs.

Influenza A was most frequently reported by clinical labs.

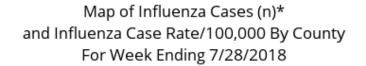


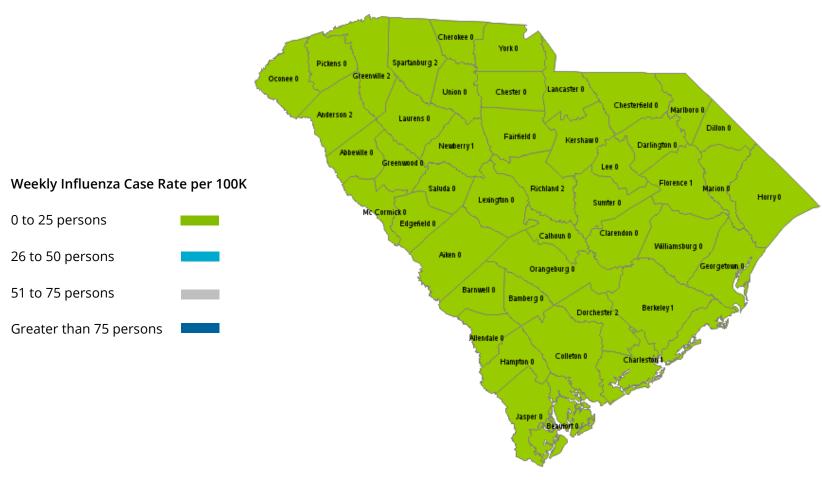
Influenza Cases Reported by Public Health and Clinical Labs, This Week and Season Total

Influenza Type	Public	Health Lab	c	linical Labs	Total		
	This Week	Season Total	This Week	Season Total	This Week	Season Total	
Overall	0	236	14	135263	14	135499	
Influenza A	0	175 (74.2%)	8 (57.1%)	91219 (67.4%)	8 (57.1%)	91394 (67.4%)	
A (H3)		133 (76.0%)		394 (0.4%)		527 (0.6%)	
A (H1N1)		42 (25.0%)		170 (0.2%)		212 (0.2%)	
A (not subtyped)			8 (100%)	90655 (99.4%)	8 (100%)	90655 (99.2%)	
Influenza B	0	61 (25.8%)	6 (42.9%)	43522 (32.2%)	6 (42.9%)	43583 (32.2%)	
B (Victoria)		2 (3.3%)				2 (0.0%)	
B (Yamagata)		54 (88.5%)				54 (0.1%)	
B (lineage not performed)		5 (8.2%)	6 (100%)	6 (100%) 43522 (100%)		6 (100%) 43527 (99.9%)	
Influenza (not typed)				522 (0.4%)		522 (0.4%)	



Virologic Surveillance





*Includes all lab-confirmed and positive rapid cases



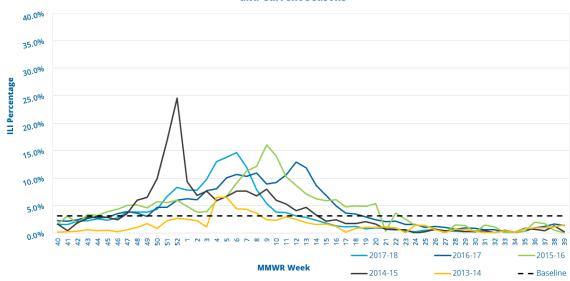
Influenza-Like Illness Surveillance

This week, the ILI activity level was **minimal** and **0.45%** of patient visits to SC ILINet providers was attributed to an influenza-like illness. This is **below** the state baseline, **3.13%**.

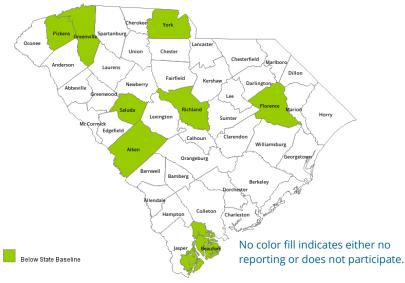
Reports were received from providers in 8 counties, representing all 4 DHEC Public Health regions.

ILI percentage is dependent upon the number of reporting providers and/or can vary by disease activity or the number of providers submitting reports.

Percentage of Influenza-like Iliness (ILI) Visits Reported by Sentinel Providers for Past and Current Seasons



County ILI Percent



State ILI Activity Level 2017-18 Calendar by Week of the Year

OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP
40	44	48	1	5	9	14	18	22	27		
41	45	49	2	6	10	15	19	23	28		
42	46	50	3	7	11	16	20	24	29		
43	47	51	4	8	12	17	21	25	30		
		52			13			26			

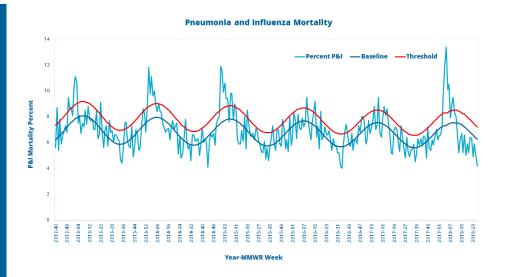
ILI ACTIVITY LEVELS: MINIMAL LOW MODERATE HIGH



Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations And Deaths

Age	Hospitalizations			Deaths			
Group							
	This Week	Rate per	Season	This Week	Rate per	Season	
		100, 000	Total		100, 000	Total	
0 to 4	0	54.2	159		1.0	3	
5 to 17	0	17.5	141				
18 to 49	1	29.4	588		1.3	27	
50 to 64	0	116.0	1056		5.7	52	
65 & older	0	406.9	2571		33.2	210	
Total	1	91.0	4515		5.9	292	

The percentage of deaths attributed to pneumonia and influenza was 4.2%. This is **below** the epidemic threshold for the week ending Jun 30, 2018.



Reported Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations by Age Group, 2015-16 Season to Present

